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White Woman Kills Negro Husband

DAN SHAY, MURDERER.

One of the most brutal and unprovoked crimes in recent years was the murder of Clarence Ewell, a colored waiter in a cafe in Indianapolis, Ind., last Thursday night by Dan Shay, the manager of the Milwaukee Baseball Club of the American Association and former manager of the Kansas City Blues in July, 1909, when George Tebeau, owner of the baseball team, signed a contract with the then Stockton, Cal., player at San Francisco. He had played previously with the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Kansas City Star of last Thursday says:

Dan Shay was brought to Kansas City as manager of the Kansas City Blues in July, 1909, when George Tebeau, owner of the baseball team, signed a contract with the then Stockton, Cal., player at San Francisco. He had played previously with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Intermittently from that time until September 23, 1916, he has been with the Kansas City club. He and Roy Talpey, salesman for a brewing company, operated the Jefferson Hotel. They took a 7-year lease on the hotel in 1911. Shay sold his interest later.

Tebeau's explanation of his dismissal of Shay last fall was that he had not been giving his best services to the Kansas City club. Shay's contract expired October 1, but he was relieved a week earlier. Tebeau said the manager had been away from the team too often. There had been differences between Tebeau and Shay for weeks before the dismissal, when the Blues were declining. Shay recently sued Tebeau for alleged nonpayment of balance in salary.

When managing the Kansas City Club Dan Shay seldom was without a revolver, and especially was this true when his club was on the road. Shay was a frequenter of cafes and cabarets and had a wide acquaintance among the saloon keepers and cafe owners in all the cities he visited. Few were the nights when the Blues were on the road that Dan didn't make the rounds. He considered a revolver a necessary adjunct. "Self protection," Dan termed it. Frequently members of the Blues would call attention to the bulge in the manager's hip pocket as Shay strolled through the hotel lobby in the evening.

Shay is a high tempered man and at times overbearing. His quarrels with waiters have been frequent. In many hotels there is a tendency to look lightly on the ball player.

"Sirloin steak—for a ball player" is the way the waiters give the ball player's order to the chef in numerous hotels.

The players and managers, knowing this condition, are quick to resent and hotel proprietors that cater to ball clubs probably will confess that ball players register more complaints than any other class of trade.

HOW TO DRINK WHISKY AND SAVE MONEY

To the married man who thinks he cannot get along without his drinks, the following is suggested as a solution to the bondage of his habit: First—Start a saloon in your house. Second—Be the only customer, and you'll have no license to pay. Give your wife \$2 to buy a gallon of whiskey, and remember there are 69 drinks in one gallon. Third—Buy your drinks from no one but your wife, and by the time the first gallon is gone she will have \$8 to put in the bank, and \$2 to start business again. Fourth—Should you live ten years and continue to buy booze from her, and then die with snakes in your boots, she will have money enough to bury you decently, educate your children, buy a house and lot, marry a decent man and quit thinking about you.

NEGROES RECEIVE JOFFRE

The city council Saturday appointed Dr. Allen A. Wesley, formerly major in the Eighth Regiment, and Col. Franklin A. Denison, head of the regiment and now assistant attorney general of the state, as two representative citizens on the committee of one hundred selected to entertain Gen. Joffre of France, and his staff, who will arrive in the city Friday.

MRS. GOFF ACQUITTED.

Mrs. Goff, a white woman was acquitted in the district court of St. Paul for killing Garfield Goff, a Negro. Goff was a deacon of St. James A. M. E. church, and employed as a porter at the Union Station. County Attorney R. D. O'Brien made a strong case against Mrs. Goff. He was assisted by Attorney W. T. Francis. Letters and testimony of persons of both races were evidence of Mrs. Goff's relation with men, her white lover was shown up in the case. Mrs. Goff is the daughter of the Treasurer of Grand Forks, N. D., and had been married ten years. She was dressed in deep mourning during the trial, but it is reported that she tore off her widow's veil when she reached the street after her acquittal.

In the death of Senator Jos. B. Foraker, the Negro loses a loyal and devoted friend, one who never bowed the knee to Bourbon democracy or ever ceased in his demand for justice to the Negro. His prophecy concerning the party has been fully verified when he said: "What has befallen the party it is difficult to contemplate with composure. It was unnecessary and willful. But the greatest trouble is that nobody any longer knows what Republicanism means. The party was led away from basic principles by an effort to outdo Bryan by adopting and carrying out in the name of reform and a moral uplift a lot of his wild vagaries."

"The net result has been to give him and his Socialistic isms a transient respectability, while we have been demoralized, weakened and unhorsed. It may be found harder to get in than it was to get out. At any rate, the man to lead us back is not yet (August, 1915) in sight, or at least not generally recognized."

Peace to his ashes.

GRESHAM—NOT GUILTY.

Negro Ex-Police Officer Acquitted of Charge of Murdering White Man.

Wesley Gresham, ex-police officer, was acquitted of the charge of murdering Martin Larson, a white man, in District Court, St. Paul, May 1, 1917.

It was claimed that on the night of March 24, 1917, after the closing hours of the saloon, Gresham went into the saloon, corner Carroll and Western streets, and demanded that he be served a drink and refused to pay for it and shot the bartender, Martin Larson, who died instantly.

Gresham proved that he went into the saloon, bought and paid for a drink, and that the proprietor locked him in the saloon and that he was attacked by three men. One of the men struck at him with a policeman's billy. They threw bottles at him and the proprietor shot at him with a revolver.

Mr. Gresham was defended by attorney J. Louis Ervin, of St. Paul. The decision in quite a victory for Attorney Ervin. The case is the first in many years, if not the very first in the history of St. Paul, where a Negro was accused of killing a white man and defended by a Negro attorney unaided by a white attorney, and where the verdict was an acquittal.

WANTED!

ONE THOUSAND NEGRO MEN AND BOYS

To learn to be expert automobile mechanics and chauffeurs. Positions waiting. Special course in driving for ladies and gentlemen. We teach you to drive any make of car in ten days or full mechanical course in eight weeks. Our night class opens May first. For full information as to terms and so forth, address Afro-American Automobile Training School, 1420-26 Woodland Avenue, Kansas City, Mo. The largest automobile training school for Negroes in the world.

On Mother's Day

O MOTHER, I remember,
The smile, the tender look—
Thy grown-up child remembers
How in your arms you took
A fretful babe and soothed him,
Crooning a cradle song—
O Mother, I remember,
Across the years so long.

O Mother, I am losing
So many precious things,
I've known and loved since childhood,
Feebly their memory clings.
Yet when this mind lies wasted,
Neath TIME'S slow shifting sands,
Thy song shall be remembered,
And the touch of thy sweet, brown hands!

—Roscoe C. Jamison.

MUNICIPAL PARADE.

The Municipal Parade last Tuesday, composed of all the units of the city government, was an eye opener to the average citizen and was really a remarkable as well as entertaining pageant. Few Kansas Cityans knew that Kansas City employed thousands of men and women to manage its affairs and knew but little of the activities of the city government. The colored people were especially proud of the showing made by those departments in which a large number of colored people are employed and the showing made by the Negro Hospital under the irrefutable Dr. T. C. Unthank, superintendent, and the colored nurses and internes was generally conceded by white and black alike to be one of the most striking features of the parade, which consumed two hours and fifteen minutes in passing. Mayor Edwards deserves much credit for giving this object lesson to the citizens of Kansas City and to the hundreds of delegates from all over the country who were attending the City Planning Convention.

BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

If you've a gray-haired mother
In the old home far away;
Sit down and write the letter
You put off the other day.
Don't wait until her weary steps
Reach heaven's pearly gates;
But show her that you think of her
Before it is too late.

If you've a tender message,
Of a loving word to say;
Don't wait until you forget it,
But whisper it today.
Who knows what little memories
May haunt you if you wait;
So make those you love happy
Before it is too late.

The tender words unspoken,
The letters never sent;
The long forgotten message,
The wealth of love unspent;
For these some hearts are breaking—
For these some loved ones wait;
Show them that you care for them
Before it is too late.

SIMMONS SPELLBINDS.

The patriotic meeting held at Allen Chapel last Sunday morning was splendid and timely demonstration of the Negro's love for home and country and was filled with enthusiasm and inspiration. Excellent music was rendered by the Allen Chapel Choir and ringing addresses were delivered by Charles H. Calloway, Esq., Prof. J. R. E. Lee, Nelson Crews, Prof. W. S. Scarborough, President of Wilberforce University and Roscoe C. Simmons the noted Orator of Louisville, Ky. The Cadets of Lincoln High School under Major N. Clark Smith, Commandant attended in a body and presented a very trim and pleasing appearance.

On Monday night Roscoe C. Simmons addressed a wild enthusiastic audience of more than 1,000 people at the Old Armory Hall, 14th and Michigan Avenue under the auspices of the Uniform Rank K. of P. Preceding the speaking an imposing parade was given, participated in by the Uniform Rank, the High School Cadets, the Colored Fire Department, the Colored Police Officers and the First Regiment Band and High School Band furnished the music. Mr. Simmons made one of his usual eloquent addresses and left immediately to go to the Station for New York City where he speaks before the Union League Club.

WINS 160 ACRES.

Mrs. Clara B. Franklin, after spending three years on her homestead in Dearfield, has received her patent from the government giving her 160 acres of Colorado land. She has been offered a flattering price already for it by several persons.

RELIEF BOARD MEETING.

Grand Master W. W. Fields has officially called the meeting of the Relief Board at Hannibal, Mo., May 14 at 10:30 a. m.

SHAY HELD WITHOUT BOND FOR SHOOTING.

Indianapolis, May 10.—Dan Shay, manager of the Milwaukee baseball club, today is being held to the grand jury without bond as a result of arraignment yesterday afternoon when he waived preliminary examination on the charge of having shot and killed Clarence Ewell, a Negro waiter.

BABY WEEK.

Baby week wound up in a blaze of glory with the demonstration at Allen Chapel last Sunday night and a splendid address by Dr. Katherine Richardson founder of Mercy Hospital. A wonderful display had been arranged by the Nurses of the City Hospital under the direction of Dr. T. C. Unthank, Superintendent, which was viewed by hundreds of interested parents and others. Mrs. T. G. McCampbell presided at the Sunday evening meeting and rendered valuable assistance in the success of the week's program.

Messrs. C. H. Calloway, W. Clarence Houston, L. A. Knox and J. Silas Harris accompanied Colonel Roscoe C. Simmons to St. Joseph last Sunday afternoon where he delivered an address. While there they were the guests of St. Joseph's most distinguished physician Dr. J. R. A. Crossland, former minister to Liberia and himself an orator of Nation-wide reputation.

NEGRO PROGRESS IN BUSINESS.

When the census reports for 1910 were published, it was found that in the ten years, 1900 to 1910, the Negro had made about as much progress as he had made in the previous thirty-five years. The first indication of the remarkable progress which the Negro had made in this decade was revealed when the returns for agriculture were made public. From these it was found that in these ten years the value of farm property owned by Negroes had increased from \$177,404,688 to \$492,892,218, or 177 per cent.

In the field of business the number of Negro bankers increased from 4 to 56; restaurant keepers, from 3995 to 6369, or 59 per cent; wholesale merchants from 149 to 541, or 61 per cent; retail merchants from 9098 to 20,653, or 127 per cent; hotel keepers from 481 to 973, or 102 per cent; undertakers from 453 to 973, or 114 per cent, excluding 10,600 boarding and lodging-house keepers, there were, in 1910, 38,382 Negroes engaged in business enterprises of various kinds. This did not include those operating barbering, blacksmithing and shoe shops, or various classes of business connected with trades for which separate returns of proprietors were not made. Probably 5,000 more should be added for persons operating these businesses, making the total number of Negroes engaged in business, in 1910, about 43,000.

A survey of fifty years of Negro business enterprises shows that remarkable progress has been made. There were, in 1867, Negroes in some 40 different lines of businesses; they numbered about 4,600. The total capital which they had invested was probably not more than \$1,000,000. In 1917, Negroes are in 200 lines of business. They number about 50,000.—Southern Workman.

TUSKEGEE'S HERITAGE.

At twenty-five years of age Washington was installed in charge of Tuskegee, a school which had indeed an appropriation of \$2,000 for teachers' salaries, but which had not a dollar for other purposes, and which had neither land nor buildings nor teachers nor students. * * * From this small beginning the material progress of the school was little short of miraculous.

Starting with absolutely nothing, the physical plant and equipment at the end of Dr. Washington's thirty-five years of service represented a value of about \$1,500,000, while the endowment fund had increased to nearly \$2,000,000. Moreover, during this thirty-five years, at least \$2,500,000 more had been raised and expended for current expenses, so that it is safe to say that not less than \$7,000,000 had been invested in this great enterprise through the efforts and influence of one man, born a slave and reared in the depths of poverty and ignorance.

This then is the rich heritage of Tuskegee Institute, not only this great plant of land, buildings and equipment free from debt, not only the two million dollars of endowment fund, not only the host of friends North and South who may safely be trusted to carry forward the work, not only its widespread influence and confidence among the best people of both races, not only the loyalty and enthusiastic devotion of its faculty, alumni, and students, but, above all and crowning this great monument, the character, T. Washington.—Southern Workman.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY SPRING RECITAL.

—Piano and Voice—

Tuesday, May 15—Misses Carew, Tillman and Etta G. Moten. 11:30 a. m. Mr. Cogswell in voice recital. 8:15 p. m.

Friday, May 18—Misses Saunders, Young, Holmes and Gotter. 3:30 p. m. Mr. Nell Herfford and Mrs. Hsbrooks, assisted by Lincoln High school orchestra and Mrs. Blanche Yancy Mason. 8:15 p. m.

Tuesday, May 22—Miss Monette Moore, Mr. Wrice. 3:30 p. m. Misses Jones and Broadus assisted by ladies quartette. 8:15 p. m.

May 24—Misses Zenobia Keith and Arlene Jackson in graduating recital. 8:15 p. m.

The public is invited to attend all these recitals. Admission free.



Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, May 7, 1917.

May 24 has been set aside as the day for the commencement exercises here. The commencement sermon will be preached on Sunday, May 20, by Rabbi Max Heller of New Orleans, Louisiana. On Monday, May 21, the commencement exercises of the Phelps Hall Bible Training School will be held, the principal speaker being Rev. C. C. Alleyne of Charlotte, North Carolina. On Tuesday evening, May 22, the annual Boston Trinity Church Prize Contest will be held. On the 23d the annual Class Day exercises. Thursday, May 24, Commencement Day, commencement address: Prof. Kelley Miller, Dean of College of Arts and Sciences, Howard University, Washington, D. C.

N. A. A. C. P.

Final arrangements have been made for holding the annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Washington, D. C., on May 16 and 17. Mr. Moorfield Storey, the national president, will preside at the evening meeting on the 16th to be held at the First Congregational church. Tenth and G streets, which will be addressed by Dean William Pickens and Charles Edward Russell. The outstanding interest of the evening, however, centers in the presentation of the third Spingarn Medal for distinguished service during 1916, which will be presented this year by Hon. Wesley L. Jones, United States senator from Washington, a staunch friend of the Negro.

The name of the candidate to whom the medal is awarded is not given out until the evening of the presentation. Last year it was awarded to Lieut. Col. Charles Young for his services in reorganizing the constabulary of Liberia; and the first medal was conferred upon Dr. E. E. Just for his original researches in biology.

The afternoon of the 17th will be devoted to a nopen conference on the exodus and the pressing problems growing out of the war. Not only our own branches, but leaders and organizations of all kinds are cordially invited to take counsel with the N. A. A. C. P.

See "The Island of Regeneration." It's great.